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American Citizens Services Hours:

9:00am to 12:30pm

(by [appointment](#))

9:00am-4:30pm
(telephone hours)

Monday through Friday,
excluding holidays

MESSAGE FROM CONSUL GENERAL PHILLIP MIN

Vanakkam and warm greetings to all American citizens and their families in South India! My name is Phillip Min and my wife, Eun Young, and I arrived in Chennai on September 17th. I am very excited to be serving as the U.S. Consul General in Chennai, especially as the United States and India enter such a promising chapter in our partnership.

With the recent success of both Secretary Kerry's visit to India this past summer, as well as Prime Minister Modi's visit to the U.S. in September, the future has never looked better for continuing and strengthening

the many bonds that tie our two great nations together.

This is also a time of year filled with the warmth and excitement of the holiday season. It is a time filled with remembrance of family, friendship and hope for the future. The American holiday of Thanksgiving is an excellent reminder to take time out to express our gratefulness to those around us, and to spend time with loved ones.

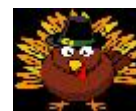


I am looking forward to getting better acquainted with the American Citizen community in South India, and I wish you and your families all a happy Thanksgiving!

-Phillip Min



THANKSGIVING DAY



In 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation, dedicating the first Thanksgiving Day as a federally-recognized, annual holiday. Although traditions and customs surrounding the holiday vary from region to region, the notion of taking a

day to reflect and be thankful remains the core of Thanksgiving Day. In the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks

continuously. And because all things have contributed to your advancement, you should include all things in your gratitude."

Adapted from:
<http://writersalmanac.publicradio.org/index/index.php?date=2011/11/24>

Common FAQs

Does ACS offer services outside of Chennai? How can I get an appointment?

Yes, we have passport services in Bangalore almost every month. Please visit our [website](#) for more information about our outreach program. You can also enroll in our [STEP](#) program to get updates about Bangalore outreach.



Does voter registration affect my tax status?

Voting for candidates for federal offices does not affect your federal or state tax liability. Voting for candidates for state or local offices could affect your state income tax liability depending on the laws of your state. If you are concerned about how your response may affect your state tax status, consult legal counsel, a U.S. tax advisor, or your state tax authorities. For more information, go to: www.fvap.gov.

WE NEED YOUR HELP FINDING WARDENS!



The warden program is a system for maintaining communications with the American community and providing important, timely safety or security information to U.S. citizens living or traveling in

our consular district. If you live in Chennai's consular district and want to help, email us at ChennaiCS@state.gov. We still need wardens in the following districts:

Chandra Layout
Davanagere
Gulbarga
Hassan
Kolar
Manipal
Museum Road
Nandhini Layout



Kollam
Kozhikode



Ambattur
Cuddalore
Kanchipuram
Kanyakumari
Kodambakkam
Nagapattinam
Padi
Park Town
Perambur
Porur
Pudukottai
Red Hills
Thiruvavur
Tirunelveli
Tirupur
Tiruvannamalai
Trichy
Vellore
Villupuram
Washermanpet

United States-India Educational Foundation Education Advising In Bangalore and Chennai

As you know, the U.S. has some of the best higher education institutions in the world. If you or your children are interested in taking advantage of these, we recommend that you visit [EducationUSA](#) advising offices in Chennai and

Bangalore, which host regularly scheduled events for students, parents, teachers, and institutions. They are sup-



ported by the U.S. government and not individual institutions, so they can provide you with unbiased information.

You can follow them on Facebook as well.

[Bangalore EdUSA](#)
[Chennai EdUSA](#)

Victim's Assistance & Emergency Services

If you or your U.S. citizen relative or friend has been a victim of crime while in India, please contact the U.S. Consulate in Chennai (or closest Embassy or consulate if not in Chennai's consular district) at 044-2857-4000.



You should file and request a copy of a local police report, called a First

Information Report (FIR), as soon as possible. You should request the FIR from the police station closest to the scene of the crime.

Emergency Services:

We can assist when a U.S. citizen in India is arrested, missing, is a victim of violent crime, becomes ill or dies, or when there is otherwise a need for immediate help. We provide the following services:

- 24-hour duty officer for emergencies involving American citizens in the Chennai consular district at **(+91-44) 2857-4000**
- Updates about crisis situations
- Information on local resources
- Contacting family members in the United States

Common FAQs

When should my son sign up for the Selective Service?

All males can begin to register with the Selective Service at 17 years and 3 months and should do so within 30 days after their 18th birthday. To register or get more information visit the [Selective Service web site](#).



I'm renewing my passport. Do I get the old one back?

Yes, we will return the old, cancelled passport to you with all visas still intact. It will be sent along with your new passport, or returned (cancelled) to you directly at the window in ACS. It's a good idea to keep your old passport in a safe place as it is considered proof of your U.S. citizenship.

JOIN THE AMERICAN LIBRARY!

The American Library at the US Consulate Chennai offers over 14,000 fiction and non-fiction books, 140 scholarly journals, online research resources and much, much more. Visit the Library [website](#) for Library

hours and membership information to enjoy the many resources available!

The Library also offers The Saturday Matinee, showing American movies for your enjoyment. Check the Library



[website](#) for show times and procedures for entry to the Consulate.

CAN YOU HELP US FIND LAWYERS?

An important service that we provide to U.S. citizens is information about our consular district—Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Karnataka. We have lists of medical facilities, doctors, and lawyers.

We would like to expand our list of lawyers to better cover our consular districts. We're looking for



lawyers in the following areas:

Coimbatore, Ooty, Madurai, Salem, Pondicherry,

Auroville, Mahabalipuram, Kanchipuram, Vellore, Thiruvannamalai, Thanjavur, and Kanyakumari.

If you know of any, please email us at ChennaiCS@state.gov with the name and contact information.



YOUTH SECTION

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World Flag Match

Draw a line to match each country to its flag.

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| 1.  | United Kingdom, U.K. |
| 2.  | Germany |
| 3.  | Australia |
| 4.  | Japan |
| 5.  | Canada |
| 6.  | Sweden |
| 7.  | India |

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Continent Word Scramble



Unscramble the words below to find the 7 continents.

1. SIAA _____
2. CARIFA _____
3. THRON RIACMAE _____
4. UTOSH ACEMIRA _____
5. TRCANICATA _____
6. PERUEO _____
7. ARTALSUIA _____

Answers: 1. Japan 2. Canada 3. United Kingdom 4. India 5. Sweden 6. Germany 7. Australia

Answers: 1. Asia 2. Africa 3. North America 4. South America 5. Antarctica 6. Europe 7. Australia

Visit [Kids.gov](https://kids.gov) to play games, watch videos, and learn about your country!

